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Dockets Management Branch HFA-305 Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Consumer Choice of Oysters and other shellfish products

In just 2 days we were able to secure these signatures from customers that are oyster eaters and concerned about their right to choose to eat a raw Molluscan Shellfish.

We submit to you these petitions for consumer choice. Consumer choice is an important part of the United States of America. We urge you to reject a mandatory post-harvest requirement for all oysters. Let an educated public continue to eat the raw oyster product.

Sincerely.

Karen Oertel

Harris Crab House

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